



**H.Res. 34 – Recognizing the 75th birthday of Desmond Mpilo Tutu, South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient.**

**Floor Situation**

H.Res. 34 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) on January 5, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and was reported out by voice vote.

H.Res. 34 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on September 5, 2007.

**Summary**

H.Res. 34 recognizes the 75th birthday of Desmond Mpilo Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, and honors his accomplishments.

**Background**

Desmond Tutu was born in 1931. After he graduated from college he taught for 3 years at a high school in South Africa. He became disappointed after a series of laws were passed regarding education and apartheid. He began studying theology and was ordained a priest in 1960.

In 1984, Desmond Tutu was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition for the use of nonviolence as a means to end apartheid. He also received numerous awards over the course of his life for his work in the area of civil rights.

In 1986, Desmond Tutu was the first black African to be elected Archbishop of Cape Town and head of the Anglican Church in South Africa.

This legislation honors his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and his numerous accomplishments towards bringing civil rights to the forefront in global politics.

**Cost**

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored H.Res. 34.

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